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NEWS RELEASE

Capital Murder Suspect Arrested

On December 16, 2003, San Antonio Police Officers responded to 2301 Blanco Rd for a report of a robbery and shooting. Upon their arrival, they discovered that the location had been robbed by three suspects and also discovered Christopher Roel, 21 years of age, shot once in the back. Christopher was subsequently pronounced dead at the scene. Patrol Officers set up a perimeter, but no suspects were located.

Based on information obtained during the investigation, Night Detectives were able to apply for an arrest warrant naming the below listed suspect as one of the robbers. Hours after obtaining the warrant, Detectives with the Repeat Offenders Program and Downtown Bike Patrol Officers were able to locate the Suspect in the 700 Blk. Of Navarro, just minutes prior to the Suspect getting onto a bus bound for Laredo, Texas. The suspect is currently in SAPD custody and will be taken to the City of San Antonio Detention Center for processing. The remaining suspects have not been arrested at this time.

<u>SUSPECT</u>

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